

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a total of \$12 million has been released to the Veterans Central California Health Care system to make infrastructure upgrades and improvements at the hospital. Funding was made available in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“We owe a great debt to the men and women who served our nation in the military, and providing health care for them is the least we can do,” said Costa. “This money will be put to use right away in our community. The hospital has planned to expand parking, remove known asbestos in the building, make sidewalk repairs, replace steam boilers and increase capacity with the air conditioning system. While these may be small repairs, they will benefit thousands of our Valley’s veterans and save the hospital from making more expensive repairs and improvements down the road.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided \$1 billion for non-recurring maintenance to address deficiencies and avoid other maintenance problems for the 153 VA hospitals across the nation. ARRA also provided \$150 million for state grants to construct additional extended care facilities for vets.